

## STATE OF DELAWARE

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Wooddale Residents:

This letter serves as the third update on the status of the Wooddale Covered Bridge project. Since the last update, there has been a lot of progress toward the completion of this very exciting project.

First, on March 8, we held a field review meeting with all of the cultural and environmental resource agencies. Although much coordination still remains, there was positive feedback from all parties regarding the proposed design. We came away from the meeting feeling optimistic about meeting our design schedule.

The structural design of the retaining wall and covered bridge has begun. Although still in the early stages of the necessary "number-crunching", we still remain on schedule to meet our current schedule. There will be another opportunity to provide input to the department regarding the final aesthetic treatments. We will hold one more public workshop sometime in the next couple of months. Notices will be mailed out well in advance.

As you may already be aware, the reconstruction of the Wilmington & Western Railroad in the Wooddale area has begun and will continue throughout the summer and into the fall. At some time during the mid-to-late summer, there will be some necessary road work to construct the railroad crossing on Foxhill Lane. There will be more details of this work provided at the upcoming public workshop.

Although a lot of work still remains, we are pushing ahead and remain on schedule to complete the plan package by November. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please give us a call or send us an email at the contact information provided on the website (http://www.deldot.gov/static/projects/wooddale\_bridge/index.shtml).

JKS:jhb

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